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Amendment to the Management Guides Compartment 15 Tracts 5 and 7

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The guide also claims that there will be no marking west of the horsetrail on this tract. Upon further inspection there is no cause why there would not be any harvesting on the west side of the trail. There will be minimal sedimentation in Deam Lake as long as the best management practices of Indiana are followed.

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After reviewing the guide for this tract there was some concern about the amount of timber that was inventoried on this tract. The guide states that there is 9.488 Doyle MBF that is merchantable for the entire tract. After reviewing the data that was collected it was found that this figure was per acre. There is 966.260 MBF total Doyle board feet and there is 9.488 Doyle MBF per acre that is merchantable.

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